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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
ST. BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657

St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506

www.assumptionmillbury.org
www.stbrigidparish.org

Check our websites for individual email addresses.

MASS TIMES

Assumption Church
12 Waters Street

Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed.: 7:00 AM
Sun.: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street

Sat.: 4:00 PM
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM

PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Fr. Dan Mulcahy, *Pastor*

Deacon Ron Buron, K.H.S., *Permanent Deacon*
Facilities Manager
Safe Env. Coordinator

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.,
Pastoral Care Ministry

Claudette Belair, *Music Director*

Greg Bernard, *Faith Formation (Gr. K-12)*
Family Ministry

Donna Gazaille, *Administrative Assistant*

Ronald Marlborough, *Maintenance Director*

Carol Trainque, *RCIA Director*
Liturgical Coordinator

Melissa Turner, *Associate Administrative Assistant*
Cantor

Members of the staff may be contacted by calling the Parish Offices at (508) 865-6624. The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. If the offices are closed, feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Baptism

Baptism Gatherings, to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, are held 4 times a year. Baptisms are held each month.
For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish offices at (508) 865-6624.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the rectory when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

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Sat., December 23

4:00 PM **Donald and Corinne Russell**
By: Paul and Gloria Schimke

Sun., December 24

7:00 AM **St. Jude**
By: A Parishioner

10:00 AM **Brian Jezyk**
By: His Parents

4:00 PM **Neal Thomas**
By: His Wife, Susan

6:00 PM **Rochelle Laporte and John Barnett**
By: The Family

Midnight **Lawrence Gilmond**
(Birthday Remembrance)
By: The Family

Mon., December 25

10 :00 AM **Mary Troy**
By: Cathy Piorkowski

Tues., December 26

7:00 AM **Communion Service**

Wed., December 27

7:00 AM **Communion Service**

Thurs., December 28

9:00 AM **Communion Service**

Sat., December 30

4:00 PM **Raymond DeRouin** (3rd Anniversary)
By: His Wife, Maureen

Sun., December 31

7:00 AM **St. Jude**
By: A Parishioner

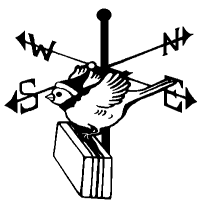
9:00 AM **Roger Bourdeau** (27th Anniversary)
By: Aline Bourdeau

11:00 AM **George Law** (1st Anniversary)
By: His Wife and Family

(Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

Snow Policy…
No School/No Mass

For the safety of our parishioners, when school is **canceled or delayed** in the town of Millbury, daily Mass is also canceled.



Saturday, December 30, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid

L: J. Hanratty *AS: T. Yaz & J. Prue*
EM: P. Correia, M. Bourdeau, K. Anderson, L. Magnuson

Sunday, December 31, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: M. Blunt *AS: J. Mazeika*
EM: W. Blunt, J. Dunn

Sunday, December 31, 9:00 AM at Assumption

L: C. Piorkowski *AS: M. Le & C. Belsito*
EM: T. & F. Jakubiak, C. Brady, G. Pothier

Sunday, December 31, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: G. Borus *AS: A. Seaman, M. Hoban*
EM: D. & N. Keeney

Our offices will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years. In an emergency, please call 508-865-6624 and leave a message. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Christ,
Fr. Dan, Deacon Ron, Sr. Jeanne
and the Staff of the Catholic
Parishes of Millbury

Scripture for the week of December 24, 2017

24 SUN 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
25 Mon Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
26 Tue Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
27 Wed 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
28 Thu 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
29 Fri 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
30 Sat 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
31 SUN Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK:

Our Lady of the Assumption Candle

In loving memory of
Rochelle LaPorte
Requested by the family

St Brigid Candles

In loving memory of
Raymond DeRouin
Requested by his wife, Maureen

In Loving Memory of
Jane Metivier
On the 16th anniversary of her birth to new life
Requested by the family

In Loving Memory of
The Deceased Members of the Malo and Mulhane Families
Requested by Their Families

Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Patrick Hafferty Nicole Leonard
Brandon Perkins Marc Winchester

Reminder: Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request. Names will be removed on a monthly basis.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
Prayer Line 508-865-5373

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

Rest in Peace

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the soul of William Hobey who has gone home to God. May he rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

REMEMBRANCE SECTION
Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact Donna at (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one.

In Remembrance:

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Maryann Auger
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Francis R. Beaudoin
Arthur G. Boucher
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Frank Cammuso, Jr.
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Roland O. Couture
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Lois M. Fisher
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Ruth Gonsorcik
Daniel Guadagnoli
Derek Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Claire Kobel
Richard Kroll
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
June Ann Leonard
Lorraine Letendre
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Marilyn McLeod
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Janet Parsekian
Anne Rita Pierce
Stephen Rodwill
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Albert & June Russo
Bob & Rita Shea
C. Richard Stockhaus
Frederick Stockwell
Sandra Lee Stockwell
Margaret E. Stockwell
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Margaret Wendt
Ronald Woodward
Frank J. Yaz

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 26TH

Holy Hour/No Confessions @ OLAC - 5:20 - 6:20 PM
Overeaters Anonymous @ SBH - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 27TH

Irish Step Dancing @ OLAH - 5:00 - 6:00 PM

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 31ST

Children's Liturgy of the Word @ OLAC/OLAH - 9:00 AM
SLAA @ SBH-7:30

KEY TO LOCATIONS

SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Offices
OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall
OLAS=Assumption School

YOUR SMILE FOR TODAY

What can I give Him
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part –
Yet what can I give him?
Give my heart.

—Christina Rossetti

All are warmly welcomed, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

December 24th ~ Christmas Eve Masses

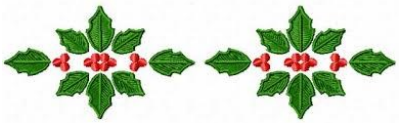
St Brigid:
3:30 PM Lessons & Carols
4:00 PM Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption:
5:30 PM Lessons & Carols
6:00 PM Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption:
11:30 PM Lessons & Carols
Midnight Mass

December 25th ~ Christmas Day Masses

St. Brigid:
10:00 AM Mass



ADVENT LITANY & GATHERING RITE
(Organ/Vocal Edition)
VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL
Litany verses and Penitential Rite, James Drollinger
LITANY
Verses: Cantor
1. O bring us your light, judg - ment and right;
2. God's prom - ise ful - filled, God's na - tion to build. The
3. Hide not your face. Teach us your ways.
4. The low - ly and poor will not cry for more. The
5. Be strong, have no fear; Sal - va - tion is near;
6. The mute find a voice. The hum - ble re - joice. The
1. jus - tice shall flow - er in your days.
2. dark - ness of sin shall fade a - way.
3. Lord, let us walk in your paths.
4. lives of the lost will now be saved.
5. sor - row and mourn - ing fade a - way.
6. glor - y of God shall be re - vealed.

STEWARDSHIP

St. Brigid Parish
Income
Weekend of December 9/10, 2017

Regular Weekly Collection	$3,877.00
Electronic Giving (12/4 - 12/10, 2017)	$926.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$4,803.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Mass Stipends	$40.00
Sanctuary Candles	$20.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$349.00
Debt	$289.00
Debt *(Electronic Giving)*	$55.00
Specialty Ministries	$120.00
Donation	$25.00
Hall Rental *(AA)*	$75.00
In Remembrance *(Bulletin)*	$150.00
SVDP Society	$10.00
Grand Annual	$300.00
Christmas Flowers	$185.00
All Saints	$5.00
Immaculate Conception	$682.00
Christmas	$63.00
Solemnity of Mary	$33.00
Total Other Income	**$2,401.00**
Total Income	**$7,204.00**

St. Brigid Cash Flow
December 7, 2017 - December 13, 2017

Payroll *(Week end 12/9)*	$4,046.88
Payroll Taxes *(Includes Employee's Share)*	$1,783.74
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fee)*	$53.20
RCB 403B Plan	$157.48
Organist *(Substitute)*	$100.00
King Farm Inc. *(Christmas Flowers)*	$501.50
Clergy Benefits	$503.34
Dillon Boiler *(Maintenance and Repair –Church)*	$4,211.15
Catholic Free Press *(Rel. Ed. Advertisement)*	$170.00
Goretti Supermarket *(Faith Formation)*	$27.25
Total Monies Paid	**$11,554.54**

Thank you for your flower donations in honor/memory of your loved ones. Their names will be inscribed in a book which will become a part of our Christmas decorations in each of the churches. Know that your loved ones will be remembered at all of our Christmas Masses.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

December 23/24 … DEBT
December 24/25 … STAFF THANK YOU

December 30/31 … DEBT

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
Income
Weekend of December 9/10, 2017

Regular Weekly Collection	$2274.00
Electronic Giving (12/4 - 12/10, 2017)	$110.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$2384.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Mass Stipends	$40.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$456.00
Debt	$1,065.00
Debt *(Electronic Giving)*	$50.00
In Remembrance *(Bulletin)*	$200.00
Funerals	$600.00
Catholic Schools Appeal	$100.00
Feast of the Assumption	$50.00
All Souls	$50.00
Christmas Flowers	$55.00
Grand Annual	$300.00
Immaculate Conception	$387.00
SVDP Society	$100.00
Total Other Income	**$3,453.00**
Total Income	**$5,837.00**

Assumption Cash Flow
December 7, 2017 - December 13, 2017

Clergy Benefits	$503.34
King Farm Inc. *(Christmas Flowers)*	$259.50
National Grid *(Church)*	$338.20
Sisters of the Assumption	$550.00
Total Monies Paid	**$1,651.04**

Your Christmas Offering

At all of our Christmas Masses, the first collection, (the Christmas Envelope), will be for our regular stewardship.

A second collection will be taken during all of the Christmas Masses. This collection will allow Fr. Dan to say a special thank you to our staff members on behalf of the people of our parishes..

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Coffee … Tea … Tissues …
Personal Care Items
(Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Etc.)

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
507 Park Ave., Worcester (508) 752-4232

RCIA
Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for people seeking answers about our Catholic faith and who wish to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. If you are interested in learning more about this program, call the rectory at 508-865-6624 and ask for Carol.

Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, MA 01609

December 2017

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A chapel in Shepherd's Field outside of Bethlehem commemorates the wondrous events of Christmas in three beautiful paintings.

In the first painting, the shepherds, keeping watch over their flock by night, are roused from their silent vigil by the glad tidings of an angel, glorious streams from Heaven, and the strains of an angelic choir. In the second painting, the shepherds, having traveled to Bethlehem, bow in awe and adoration before the new born Christ child in the manger as heavenly light illuminates the Holy Family. In the final painting, dawn is breaking, the Heavenly streams of God's glory are fading, and the shepherds are again back amidst their flock. But the shepherds are changed.

In the third painting, an elderly shepherd looks upward with an expression of wonder. Another shepherd pipes a tune on a simple musical instrument while a shepherd boy skips with exuberance, joy, and uplifted arms. They have returned to the place where they were but they have not returned the way they were. They are filled with joy, wonder and awe that God has come to them.

Christmas reminds us that God has also come to us. The shepherds' path to joy is also ours. At Christmas Mass and every Mass we might think of ourselves as shepherds going to Bethlehem. After hearing God's Word, we go to Him in the communion line, bow in adoration and receive the same Divine Child born of Mary and worshiped by the shepherds at the manger.

As the shepherds departed from the stable, so may we depart Christmas Mass, and every Mass, with joy, wonder and awe that God has come to us. May this Christmas change us so that as we return to our routines with a deeper appreciation of God's love for us, we may bear witness to that love just as the shepherds did on that first Christmas morning.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Robert J. McManus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

YOUTH & FAMILY FORMATION

The Youth Ministry ZONE

FOLLOW US ON:
www.facebook.com/sbcyc
or
@ MillburyCYC

Breakfast with Santa

A very big Thank You to Santa & Mrs. Clause for taking time out of their very busy schedule to join us for coffee and donuts last Sunday after the 9:00 Mass. Also a very big Thank You to our Fellowship Committee volunteers for making it such a wonderful event

Welcome all families and children to a new year of Family Faith Formation!
All sessions begin in Assumption Church Hall promptly at the designated time.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Grade 2	Sunday, January 14 10:00-11:30AM
Grades 3 & 4	Sunday, January 7 10:00 - 11:30AM
Grades 5 & 6	Monday, January 22 6:00 - 7:30PM
Grades 7 & 8	Sunday, January 21 6:00-7:30PM
Grades 9 & 10	Sunday, January 7 6:00 - 7:30PM

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

January 7, 14, 21 & 28
10:00-10:45 A.M. in Assumption Church.

This ministry is open to all students in grades 3 and above. If your child is interested in serving in this ministry please see Fr. Dan, Deacon Ron or Greg Bernard for more details.

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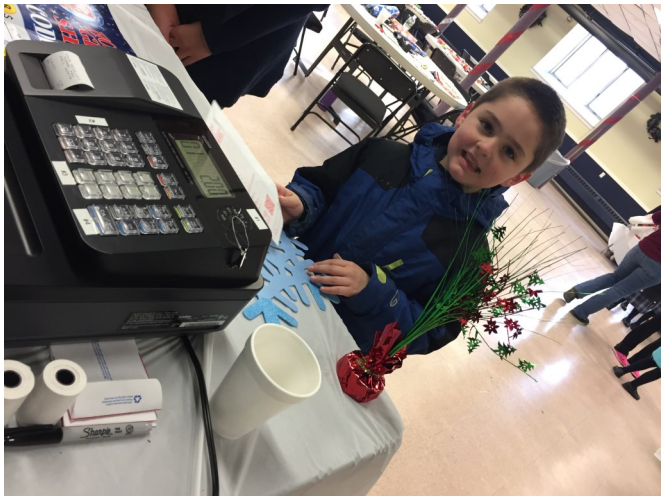
Assumption School Christmas Shoppe

On Friday, December 8th Assumption School held its annual Christmas Shoppe in the Assumption Church Hall. Pre-K through Grade 8 had time to do some shopping for family and friends. Excitement filled the air. What a great way to get some Christmas Shopping done.



The children, faculty, and staff of Assumption School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

FUNDRAISER ...

Proceeds from the **Pampered Chef** table at the Chain of Lights and through the month of February will be donated to the Youth Ministry! Up to 15 percent of our total sales will go towards this fundraiser. Please share this with your family and friends. All orders are shipped directly to the customer within a few days of placing an order – these make wonderful Christmas gifts! The fundraiser link is www.pamperedchef.biz/letkbcook, click on "find a show" and type in **CYC Youth Ministry**. If you have any questions, please contact our consultant, Karen Brosnihan at 508-736-7236.

2018 Calendars

Calendars for 2018 are now available at the entrance of the Churches. We are grateful to our friends at the Mulhane and Turgeon Funeral Homes for making these calendars available to parishioners each year. Thank you!

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Judith Audette
Office for Healing and Prevention,
(508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

PARISH AND LOCAL AREA NEWS

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

RESORTS ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

March 11-13, 3 Days, 2 Nights
Trip includes Overnight Accommodation at Resorts,
Transportation Along with 2 Dinner Vouchers a Show Ticket
Plus $25 Free Slot Play!!
For more information call or come by the
Senior Center for a Flyer! 508-865-9154

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

CRIBBAGE CLUB -
Join us every Monday at 1:00 PM for our new Cribbage Club! Have Lunch ahead of time at 12 noon to make it a fun filled day! *Noon lunch every Monday through Friday.*
Suggested donation $2.50.
Remember every Friday is special treat day.
A 48 hour reservation is required.

CRAFT CLASSES
Wednesday's from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Plan what you would like to make &
pay for the materials you use!
For more information call us at 508-865-9154.

PASTEL DREAMERS
ADULT COLORING CLASSES
Every Thursday 10 - 11:30 AM
NO SUPPLIES NEEDED!
Come give it a try. It's a very relaxing activity.

BRIDGE CLUB
Every Friday at 12:30 PM
Please give us a call and let us know if
you are interested, 508-865-9154.

RMV TRANSACTIONS

Every Wednesday 10 AM - 2PM
We focus on Duplicates/ Renewals for License, Registration,
Mass I.D. and Placard Cards along with
Change of Address! Call us for an appointment!
(508) 865-9154

LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING ON CHARTER TV?

Local Diocesan Programming is now on Charter Channel 193; Boston's Catholic TV is on Channel 101, and EWTN is on Channel 18.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **Saint Brigid Church** on **2/8/2018**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from $149 ($139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a $10 discount off any package priced above $129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

ELDERLY AND HOMEBOUND

Transportation available - 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Brigid Church. This ministry is sponsored by both parishes utilizing a handi-capable van.
For information call Deacon Ron (508) 865-6624.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Saturday, December 23	**Jerry Willette**
Saturday, December 30	**Chris Brady**
Saturday, January 6	**Ted Jakubiak**
Saturday, January 13	**Jan Hanratty**

If you know of a parishioner - who is homebound or shut-in, please contact Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624 to set up a time to receive Communion.

If you have a friend or relative who is a member of St. Brigid or Assumption and who is in a nursing home and would like to be visited and or receive communion, please call Deacon Ron here at the offices at (508) 865-6624. You bringing this to our attention is the only way we can be sure that our parishioners are visited.